



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

October 6, 2020

The Honorable Sylvester Turner, Mayor  
City of Houston  
901 Bagby Street, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Floor Houston, TX 77002

Re: Termination of GLO Contract No. 19-147-001-B489

Dear Mayor Turner:

Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved Amendment No. 7 to the *State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey – Round 1* (the “Action Plan”), eliminating all Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funding subawarded to the City of Houston by the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) through GLO Contract No. 19-147-001-B489 (“Contract”). Consequently, the GLO hereby issues this written notice of termination to the City of Houston in accordance with Section 3.02 of the Contract.

The Contract shall terminate on November 6, 2020. The City of Houston is instructed to cease any work, terminate any subcontracts, and incur no further expenses related to the Contract following the termination date. Per Section 3.02 of the Contract, the City of Houston shall be reimbursed for expenses accrued up to the date of Contract termination that are deemed eligible by the GLO in accordance with Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR rules and regulations.

Termination of the Contract is necessary to ensure the timely expenditure of the grant funds previously subawarded to the city and ensure homeowners are served as quickly as possible. This effort will in no way decrease the amount of recovery funds earmarked for Houston residents affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Action Plan Amendment No. 7 merely transfers administration of the recovery funding to the GLO to accelerate progress on disaster recovery efforts within the Houston city limits. All funds currently allocated to the City of Houston’s recovery shall continue to be distributed within the city by the GLO through state-run programs benefiting Houston residents.

Following the termination of the Contract and subject to an expressed interest from the City of Houston, the GLO is willing to consider drafting another Action Plan amendment for HUD approval that would allow the GLO to issue new subawards under the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR allocations. This action would make it possible for the GLO to grant the City of Houston funds to complete the programs under which the city has made acceptable progress in the GLO’s determination, with an eye toward minimizing interruption to the relief offered under these programs. The GLO’s willingness to consider such an Action Plan amendment is contingent, however, on the City of Houston’s willingness to complete the programs as determined by GLO.

The GLO appreciates the City of Houston's dedicated service to its community and views the city's participation in the state's continuing disaster recovery efforts as vital. It is our hope that the City of Houston will engage with the GLO in future discussions concerning these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'H' followed by a long horizontal line.

Mark A. Havens  
Deputy Land Commissioner

cc: Heather Lagrone, GLO Senior Deputy Director, Community Development and Revitalization